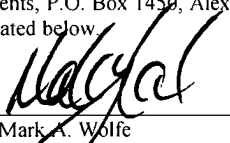



Remarks

In an October 20, 2004 communication from the Office, a "supplemental" Notice of Allowability was included that appeared identical to that mailed on April 23, 2004, along with a PTO-1449 form marked as considered by the Examiner. Although the October 20 communication could have been interpreted another way, it was interpreted as an allowance of the claims 6-9 in the application. (A couple of attempts to reach the Examiner for clarification just prior to the deadline were unsuccessful.)

This amendment is being filed with the Rule 114 request for continued examination of application Serial no. 10/021,761. Claim 8 has been amended, and claim 9 has been canceled. Claim 10 contains limitations deleted from claim 8, and claim 11 contains limitations from canceled claim 9. Should the Examiner wish to communicate with the Applicant, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

<p>Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.</p> <p>Dated: January 20, 2005</p> <p> Mark A. Wolfe</p>

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